## SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON INDIGENT DEFENSE

## Minutes for

## **SPECIAL COMMISSION MEETING**

January 11, 2017

Location: Conference Room, SC Commission on Indigent Defense, 1330 Lady Street, Columbia, SC

**Attending Members:** Harry Dest, Hon. Edward Cottingham, Hon. Duane Shuler, Jack Howle, John Nichols, Ashley Pennington, Ashlin Potterfield, Murrell Smith, Walker Willcox

Attending Staff: Patton Adams, Hugh Ryan, Lawrence Brown, Lori Frost

There being a quorum, the Chair called the meeting to order.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. That motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

Following Executive Session, pursuant to the recommendation of the Tenth Circuit Public Defender Nominating Committee and after full review by the Commission, a motion was made to appoint Jennifer Johnson as the new Circuit Public Defender for the Tenth Judicial Circuit. That motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. A motion was then made to specify that Ms. Johnson's start date in the position would be February 17, 2017. That motion was also seconded and approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made to appoint Hugh Ryan as Executive Director of the Commission effective February 17, 2017 upon the retirement of Patton Adams. That motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote. Mr. Ryan recused himself from the proceedings during consideration of that matter.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Brown
Deputy General Counsel